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CO-PRODUCTION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS WITH BRITAIN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Secretary of UK visited India in October, 2004;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and outcome thereof; and

(c) whether India and Britain have decided to rejuvenate erstwhile co-production of Defence equipments that were existing before 1960; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom (UK), Mr. Georffry Hoon, MP, visited New Delhi as part of a tour of the region, for official talks on October 6, 2004. Issues discussed during the visit covered ongoing bilateral defence relations between India and the UK and their further development, and topical international and regional security issues, such as the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan and India-Pakistan relations, amongst others.

(c) & (d): Cooperation in the defence industries was discussed in general, and in the context of the licensed manufacture of the Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer in India.